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“The Lord is Our Banner”

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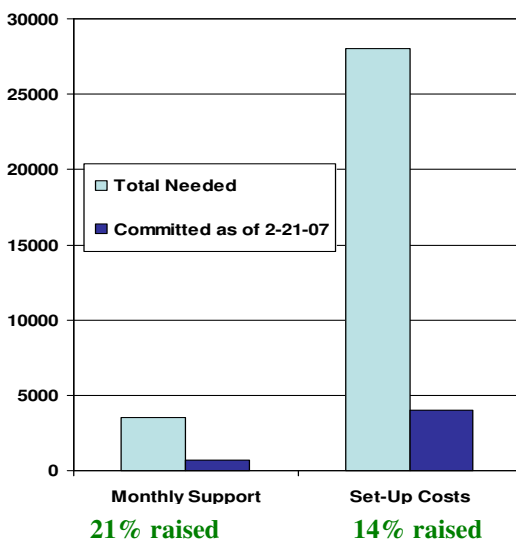
## More praises!

- God brought 13 families out to our vision presentations; very encouraging evenings!
- God added 5 more Families as monthly financial supporters and several additional one time gifts as well.
- Kara has decided to stay at LBC for the next year and God is even adding her desired major of vocal performance to the school this fall! Wow...He goes before us!
- Danielle and Geoff have shown great wisdom in deciding she will not go to grad school this fall but work FT while Geoff finishes. They will be able to spend more time together as newlyweds and be less stressed.
- God has given us more prayer partners.
- We have many friends and family who care about us; how grateful we are for your prayers and support.
- Another exciting ESL camp in Los Heroes with 14 new homes interested in spiritual things.
- Jeter is doing great with the Lohr family!

## ¿Cómo nos estamos preparando para ir?

### How would you answer that question?

Wait, what IS the question? We can't begin to give someone an answer to their question, as much as we would like to, if we do not understand the question to begin with. Sometimes we don't understand because we do not share the same language; other times we do know the language, but we do not know the context in which the question was asked, so we still do not truly understand. Without understanding, it is difficult to relate and communicate. This brings us to our need of language learning and cultural study. Many ask us if we are currently studying Spanish; the answer is no. There is so much now that must be completed before we can even leave for Mexico. The first thing we will be doing upon arrival is enrolling in language school; this will take from 6-12 months to complete. Our desire is to be able to communicate on a deep level, which may take years, so we can share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will be going to training in Oregon for the month of July which will teach us how to observe another culture, how to be learners in order to gain understanding so we know what to say and how to behave. This will help us to reach people like those pictured below who are crawling to the Basilica in Mexico City. As the question asks above, "how are we preparing?", we have completed a book about the fear of man vs the fear of God: When People are Big and God is Small and we each wrote a response paper. Now we started Instruments in the Redeemers Hands and must write a response paper; next is to complete a 10 page research paper on Mexico. The list goes on....along with support raising! God is preparing us through it all and giving us strength.



HE HAS COME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE! (ISAIAH 61:1)

## Why Prepare?

This past fall we saw the movie Facing the Giants. There was a point in the movie where a godly older man told a story; this story spoke to Keith's heart as we look at going to Mexico. The story was about 2 farmers who both desperately needed rain for their fields. Both were praying for rain, but the one farmer was out preparing his field to receive the rain. The other farmer prayed but did no preparation. The question was asked, 'which one was trusting God to provide the rain?' A friend shared this verse with Dawn weeks afterward: 'Be strong and courageous and get to work. Don't be frightened by the size of the task, for the Lord my God is with you; He will not forsake you. He will see to it that everything is finished correctly'. So, we are at work preparing our field to receive the rain. He is Faithful and He will do it.

## Current Communication is Critical

Prayer is always foundational, and we continue to need others to partner with us and lift our 'arms'. How encouraging it has been to see the way God is moving in the hearts of those He has called as Senders, as they continue to send monthly gifts. Those of you who are intending to partner with us financially, committing to a monthly amount, would help us a lot if you would let Crossworld know by designating that on a giving envelope. ( there may be one in this envelope )

February was a 'short' month in days, and in amount of new partners on our Giving Report from Crossworld. March appears to be a critical month for us as a lot of planning will be done based on where we stand as of early April. Can you help us bring March in as a lion, as we prepare to go and share The Lamb? The Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the whole World.

Please take a few moments of focused prayer and ask the Lord if He would have you begin partnering with us in this ministry now. Please feel free to contact us via phone or email. 717.295.4748 or the 'contact us' page [www.lifebytheword.net](http://www.lifebytheword.net) [keith.goodling@crossworld.org](mailto:keith.goodling@crossworld.org)

With our love, asking the Lord's blessing on you,

*The Goodlings*

*Keith, Dawn, Danielle, Kara and Tyler*

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## Specific Prayer Requests:

- DILIGENCE TO COMPLETE OUR ASSIGNMENTS CALLED OUR "PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN" (PDP). WE NOW HAVE ABOUT 6 BOOKS TO READ, 1 PAPER AND A 10 PAGE REPORT TO WRITE YET...PLUS CONTACTING PEOPLE REGARDING PARTNERSHIP WITH US.
- TIME MANAGEMENT FOR US -WORKING, SUPPORT RAISING, FAMILY TIME, PDP REQUIREMENTS
- GOD'S WILL AMONGST THE 91 LETTERS WE SENT OUT LAST WEEK ( CONTACTS FROM OUR PASTOR) RE: JOINING US AS FINANCIAL PARTNERS
- FAITHFUL PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED
- DEBT ELIMINATION – GOD'S FAVOR ON THE WORK OF KEITHS HANDS. ASKING FOR THIS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY APRIL WHICH WOULD TOTALLY BE A "GOD THING"!
- A NEWER VAN
- SALE OF OUR OUTDOOR WORLD MEMBERSHIP
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT- BOTH MONTHLY COMMITMENTS AND BUILDING UP OF 'SET-UP' FUNDS
- TYLER-TO TRUST GOD WITH HIS LIFE.
- WEDDING PLANS/ PROVIDE FOR DANIELLE/GEOFF
- "ADVOCATES" NEEDED TO SHARE THIS MINISTRY

### WHAT ARE SOME DEADLINES?

IN ORDER TO BE "QUALIFIED" TO GO TO PRE-FIELD ORIENTATION THE END OF JUNE, WE MUST HAVE 75% OF OUR MONTHLY NEEDS COMMITTED AS WELL AS 50% OF OUR SET-UP COSTS IN OUR CROSSWORLD ACCOUNT BY MID JUNE. BEING THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO LEAVE IN AUGUST FOR MEXICO AND WILL BE IN TRAINING JUNE 24 –JULY 30 , WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE 100% OF ALL COSTS RAISED AND BE TOTALLY DEBT FREE BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR TRAINING. WE ARE WORKING AND PRAYING TO RECEIVE THE RAIN!

### Psalm 96:3-4

**Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**